

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2006
7:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 10th day of January 2006 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received a copy of the minutes of the December 13th meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions to those minutes. Mr. Ray made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approve the minutes of the previous meeting as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked for a motion to approve payment of current bills. Mr. Ray made a motion to pay current bills, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Roger Heckler, Director of the White County Ambulance Service stated that his report was submitted to the Ambulance Committee and the County Board in writing. Mr. Trout and Mr. Heckler informed the Board that the first responder program had been approved by the State and was up and running. Mr. Heckler also stated that due to the closing of the hospital the ambulance service has had two crews on 24 hours a day and have had an increase in runs. Mr. Heckler stated that the runs had slowed down this week.

Mr. Doug Maier, White County Sheriff, stated that he had just finished with a City/County Jail Committee meeting and that he had submitted his report in writing to the Board. Chairman Wooten asked the Sheriff if everything was running smoothly with the transfer of 9-1-1 to the Jail. Sheriff Maier replied that everything was running on schedule and tomorrow would be the live run.

Mr. Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 meeting would be held on Monday, January 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had attended a meeting with several individuals about the health care solutions available to White County. Chairman Wooten stated that they had also contacted the State and U.S. Representatives for help. Chairman Wooten stated that there are no easy solutions to the problems the county faces.

Chairman Wooten introduced Mr. David Campbell, a member of the New Harmony Town Board. Mr. Campbell came before the Board to ask White County to sponsor a grant that would be written for 1 million dollars to try and save the New Harmony Bridge. Mr. Campbell stated that New Harmony was in the process of trying to write a grant for another million from INDOT. The grant application would be due at the end of January and the grant would require a 5% percent match, which the Bridge Commission has stated they have in their reserve accounts. This grant would not cost the taxpayers of White County any monies. Ms. Nancy Burns, Executive Director of the Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Commission along with the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission will be handling the grant application along with the applicable resolution of support. Mr. Trout made a motion that White County adopt a resolution of support for a grant application for the New Harmony Bridge and also authorize the Chairman to execute those documents. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to discuss the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force. Mr. Greg Hanisch addressed the Board about the meth epidemic and how it affects everyone in the community and how he believes it would benefit White County to remain in the Drug Task Force. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force and that the expenditures be paid out of the Sheriff's Anti-Crime Fund. Motion seconded by Ray. Motion was defeated 1-4 with Mitchell casting the aye vote.

Mr. Jack Bosaw presented the following annual salary resolution for consideration of the Board.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of White County, Illinois, in a special session convened in the Court House in the City of Carmi, Illinois, on January 10, 2006, that there be and there is hereby appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund of White County, Illinois, the sum of Seventy Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and 18/100 (\$77,898.18) for the salary of the County Engineer from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Call for Aye and/or Nay Vote:

Wayne Nelson: Aye
Mike Ray Aye
Nancy Mitchell: Aye

Wes Trout: Aye
Ron Wooten: Aye

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)SS.
WHITE COUNTY)

I, Paula Dozier, Clerk of the County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Board within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the County Board of White County, Illinois, at Carmi, Illinois, held on the 10th day of January, A.D., 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 10th day of January, A.D., 2006.

Paula Dozier, County Clerk & Ex- Officio
Clerk of the County Board of White Co., IL.

Mr. Nelson made the motion to adopt the resolution to allow the transfer of \$77,896.18 to be transferred from the Motor Fuel Tax Funds to the County Highway General Fund to pay the salary of the County Engineer. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Bosaw presented a preliminary construction engineering agreement on Section #06-00099-00-RS that is the Norris City Reservoir Road. Mr. Wooten asked how many miles of roadway and Mr. Bosaw replied around 2.5 miles. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the preliminary construction engineering agreement, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Bosaw presented a preliminary construction engineering agreement on Section #06-00101-00-RS that is the Grayville/Burnt Prairie Blacktop. Mr. Wooten asked how many miles of roadway and Mr. Bosaw replied 2.25 miles roadway. Mr. Trout made a motion to approve the engineering agreement seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Scott Webb, White County State's Attorney presented a resolution for White County's continued participation in the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Service.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor was created to provide services to State's Attorneys in Judicial Districts containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are defined and enumerated in the "State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act", 725 ILCS 210/1 et. Seq., as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly appropriates monies for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, one-third from the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's County Fund and two-thirds from the General Revenue Fund, provided that such funding receives county approval and support from within the respective Judicial districts eligible to apply; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall administer the operation of the appellate offices so as to insure that all participating State's Attorneys continue to have final authority in preparation, filing, and arguing of all appellate briefs and any trial assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and the Illinois General Assembly have reviewed and approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2006, which funds will provide for the continued operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the White County Board, in regular session, this 10th day of January 2006, does hereby support the continued operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and designates the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as its Agent to administer the operation of the appellate offices and process said appellate court cases for this County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are hereby authorized to act as Assistant State's Attorneys on behalf of the State's Attorneys of this county in the appeal of all cases, when requested to do so by the State's Attorney, and with the advice and consent of the State's Attorney prepare, file, and argue appellate briefs for those cases; and also, as may be requested by the State's Attorney, to assist in the prosecution of cases under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act and the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act. Such attorneys are further authorized to assist the State's Attorney in the State's Attorney's duties under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, including negotiations thereunder, as well as in the trial and appeal of tax objections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor may also assist State's Attorneys of this County of the State's Attorneys duties in the prosecution and trial of other cases, and may act as Special Prosecutor if duly appointed to do so by a court having jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White County Board hereby agrees to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2006, commencing December 1, 2005, and ending November 30, 2006, by hereby appropriating the sum of \$7,000.00 as consideration for the express purpose of providing a portion of the funds required for financing the operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and agrees to deliver the same to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor on request during the Fiscal Year 2006.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of White County, Illinois, this 10th day of January 2006.

Ron Wooten
Chairman

Attest:

Paula Dozier
County Clerk

Mr. Trout made a motion to approve the resolution for the continued participation of White County in the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Service. Motion seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to consider the following resolution that would place a public safety tax referendum on the March 21, 2006 Primary Ballot. The resolution would increase the sales tax in White County by .50%. Chairman Wooten also explained that automobiles, food, drugs and farm machinery were exempt from the increase in sales tax.

RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the White County Board is aware of the need for public safety for all citizens within its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the revenues received by White County to fund the public safety entities of county government have steadily declined in the past several years, and

WHEREAS, State and Federal governmental unfunded mandates make it impossible to maintain the level of protection deserved and expected by the citizens of White County, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 55 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/5-1006.5 Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax for Public Safety gives authority to county boards to order the proposition to be submitted to the voters, and

WHEREAS, this sales tax, commonly known as a "Public Safety Tax", is one imposed upon the sale of tangible personal property, excluding farm machinery, equipment, and chemicals as provided by statute (35 ILCS 120/2-5), personal property titled or registered with an agency of the State of Illinois, food for human consumption that is consumed off the premises where it is sold, prescription and non-prescription drugs, medical appliances, insulin, syringes and needles used by diabetics, and urine testing materials, and

WHEREAS, 55ILCS 5/5-1006.5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes defines that the County may expend public safety tax monies for the following purposes; crime prevention, detention, fire fighting, police, medical, ambulance, or other emergency services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the White County Board hereby orders this proposition be submitted to the voters at the March 21, 2006 General Primary Election. The proposition shall read

"SHALL WHITE COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE A PUBLIC SAFETY TAX RATE OF .50% UPON ALL PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT RETAIL IN THE COUNTY ON GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE MADE IN THE COURSE OF THEIR BUSINESS TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES?"

YES

NO

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be certified to the White County Clerk directing that the referendum be placed on the General Primary Ballot, March 21, 2006.

APPROVED this 10th day of January 2006.

Members Elected: Five

Members Present: Five

Nelson: Aye
Mitchell: Nay
Ray: Nay

Trout: Aye
Wooten: Aye

ADOPTED this 10th day of January 2006.

Ron Wooten, Chairman
White County Board

ATTEST:

Paula Dozier
White County Clerk

Mr. Trout made a motion to adopt the resolution to place a public safety tax referendum on the March 21, 2006 Primary Ballot, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 3-2 with Ray and Mitchell casting the nay votes.

Chairman Wooten stated that he had received communication from Charter Cable stating that on February 1, 2006 there would be a price increase. Following is a chart of the increases:

Expanded Basic	\$28.42 an increase of \$1.22
Big	\$52.45 an increase of \$1.00
Bigger	\$66.35 an increase of \$3.00
Biggest	\$70.45 an increase of \$3.00
Digital Tiers	\$ 5.00 an increase of \$1.00
Wire Maintenance	\$ 4.99 an increase of \$1.00

Mr. Nelson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contract negotiations between the Circuit Clerk's Office, County Clerk's Office, Treasurer's Office and State's Attorney's Office and the Southern Illinois Laborers Local 1197. Motion seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2005.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.